

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims and the specification.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicant(s) hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

In the Specification:

Please replace the following paragraphs with the following amended versions. Changes made to the specification are shown in the attached "Marked-Up Version of the Amended Paragraphs."